

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **STEELE, MISSOURI, MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

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A Steele, Missouri, man pled guilty today to charges of unlawful possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

**DORIAN M. JONES**, age 30, pled guilty to one felony count of possession of an unregistered firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge E. Richard Webber.

On June 20, 2006, at approximately 12:00 p.m. the Bootheel Drug Task Force was conducting surveillance during an undercover narcotics operation in Steele, Missouri. During the investigation Jones arrived at his residence, and left shortly afterwards carrying a blue bag. Jones placed the blue bag on the trunk of his car and opened the bag. At this time the agents noticed that he had taken a gun out of the bag and was walking toward the passenger side of the vehicle. The

gun was identified as a Taiyo-Juki brand, 12 gauge shotgun, with a barrel measuring 13 and 3/4 inches. The officers revealed their identity at that time and ordered Jones to drop the gun. He did so, and then was placed under arrest.

Jones now faces a maximum punishment of 10 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. Sentencing has been set for November 26, 2007.

Hanaway praised the Bootheel Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.